GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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LOSS DUE TO PURCHASE OF ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government compensate the State Governments for the loss incurred on purchase of onion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the amount sanctioned and compensated during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether claim of any State Government is still pending finalisation with the Union Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which those pending claims are likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government of India is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural items of importance including onion, prices of which tend to fall below economic level and the farmers are put to distress sales. Under the scheme, a pre-determined quantity is purchased at the price fixed by the Government of India in consultation with the concerned State Governments. The purchases are made by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) as the Central Nodal agency and the State designated agency/agencies on equal basis. Profit/losses incurred under the scheme are shared equally on 50:50 basis between Government of India and the State Governments.

(c): During the last three years i.e. from 1998-1999 to 2000-2001, MIS for onion wasimplemented in Maharashtra only for the quantity of 65,000 MTs for the period from 20th January, 2000 to 29th February, 2000.

(d) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Central share of loss of Rs.487.50 lakhs on the implementationof MIS in Maharashtra is pending with the Government of India. The above pending claims are likely to be released based on availability of funds.